IN THE CLAIMS:

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Please cancel claims 1-4 and 6-10 and substitute the following claims 11-19 therefor:

11. A method for the remote feed of a number of simultaneous users from one energy source, the method comprising the steps of:

connecting a user to the energy source;

supplying an initial feed current limited to a maximum value to the user in the connection phase;

measuring the feed current that is supplied to the user;

limiting the feed current to a standard value, given an error-free user line and after a waiting time; and

successively repeating the above steps for further users.

12. The method according to claim 11, wherein respective groups of a number of users are simultaneously connected, wherein the feed current for each user is limited to the maximum value; and wherein a maximum, overall feed current available is not exceeded.

13. The method according to claim 11, further comprising the step of:

disconnecting a user that continues to use the maximum value of the feed current after the expiration of the waiting time.

14. The method according to claim 11, further comprising the step of:

allocating the maximum value of the feed current to a user that continues to use the maximum value of the feed current after the expiration of the waiting time, wherein a current reserve is available.

15. The method according to claim 11, further comprising the step of:

limiting the feed current of the user to the standard value after the waiting time.

16. The method according to claim 11, further comprising the step of:

periodically checking a faulty network termination unit of a user with the maximum value of the feed current.

17. The method according to claim 11,

wherein $I_{rmax} = I_{max} + (n-1)\, I_{standa}$; and wherein

I_{rmax} = a maximum feed current made available overall,

I_{max} = a feed current made maximally available to an individual user,

I_{standa} = a feed current made available to a user after the connection phase, and

n = a number of the users.

18. The method according to claim 17, wherein $I_{rmax} = m \times I_{max} + (n-m)\, I_{standa}$, wherein m is a number of members of a group of users and is less than n.

19. An arrangement for the remote feed of a number of users from one energy source, comprising:

an energy source;

a number of series circuits connected to the energy source, each series circuits having:

a controllable current source connected to a respective user; and

a measuring instrument to connected to a respective user; and

a control for monitoring the values of feed currents to the users and for setting current limitation values of the controllable current sources; wherein the values of the feed currents are supplied from the measuring instruments; and wherein the feed current is initially set to a maximum value during the connection phase and is limited to a standard value after a waiting time.

20. The arrangement according to claim 19, wherein the arrangement is provided for a remote feed of a number of ISDN users.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

On page 7, in line 1, cancel "**ABSTRACT**" substitute the following centered heading therefor:

--**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**--;

cancel lines 2-12, substitute the following abstract therefor:

-- A method and arrangement for the remote feed of a number of identical users from one energy source. A feed current limited to a maximum value is initially made available to a user in the connection phase. The feed current that flows is then measured and, given an error-free subscriber line, the feed current is limited to a standard value after a waiting time, in that, subsequently, the further users are connected and supplied with feed current in the same way.--

REMARKS:

The present Amendment revises the specification, drawings and claims to conform to United States patent practice, before examination of the present PCT application in the United States National Examination Phase. All of the changes are editorial and no new matter is added thereby. The cancellation of claims 1-4 and 6-10, in favor of new claims 11-19, has been made solely for convenience, since the amount of